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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 3762  
PATENT**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Cyril J. SCHWEICH, Jr. et al. )  
Application No.: 10/073,968 ) Group Art Unit: 3762  
Filed: February 14, 2002 ) Examiner: G. Evanisko  
For: HEART WALL TENSION ) Confirmation No.: 8329  
REDUCTION APPARATUS )  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on November 26, 2007, Applicant  
proposes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.